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EDITORIALS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Inaugural Meeting of the Session will be held on Wednesday, October 9th, at 7 p.m., at the London School of Economics, when Mr. R. H. Mottram, the novelist, will deliver an address on "Our Responsibilities," and the chair will be taken by Mr. G. A. Stephen, F.L.A., City Librarian of Norwich. The Council feels that there is perhaps less need to invite members to attend in full force to meet the distinguished author of the "Spanish Farm Trilogy" than to conjure them to arrive early in order to secure a seat! As most of our members know, Mr. Mottram is a resident of Norwich, and it will be a source of great pleasure to have as Chairman one of the Association's staunchest friends and supporters in the person of the Librarian of that city.

The programme of monthly meetings for the session is well advanced, and full particulars will be published shortly. The programme includes visits to Battersea, Friends' House, Messrs. Mudie's Library, the Middle Temple, Hampstead, St. Alban's, and Norwich, and a joint meeting with the L. & H. C. Branch of the Library Association. All of the speakers for the session will be new to members, and a distinctive and interesting series of papers is assured. May we remind members that all the meetings, except the joint meeting, which will be held on the **fourth** Wednesday in January, will take place on the **second** Wednesday each month.

Library Association Examinations.—The dates provisionally fixed for the next examinations are as follows:

Monday, December 9th, 1929—Section 3, Classification.

Tuesday, December 10th, 1929—Section 4, Cataloguing.

Wednesday, December 11th, 1929—Section 5, Library Organisation.

Thursday, December 12th, 1929—Section 6, Library Routine.

Friday, December 13th, 1929—Section 1, English Literary History.

Saturday, December 14th, 1929—Section 2, General Bibliography and *either* Book Selection *or* Palæography and the Archive Sciences.

All entries for the Examinations must be made upon the official form, and sent to the office of the Library Association, 26-27, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1, not later than 31st October, 1929, after which date no applications will be entertained.

Notes regarding Section 1, English Literary History.

For this examination there will be alternative subjects for the Special Period in English Literary History, namely:

Wordsworth and his circle; with special study of "The Prelude," *or* 1830-1860.

Commencing with May, 1930, the Special Period set will be:—

Dr. Johnson and his circle.

Regarding *Section 2, Bibliography.*

Section 2 will, in future, consist of two parts:—

General Bibliography and *either* Book Selection *or* Palæography and the Archive Sciences.

Students must satisfy the examiners in each part of the Section.

The next Language Test will be held on Wednesday, September 25th, 1929. All entries should reach the Secretary of the Library Association before 11th September.

Correspondence Courses will be held by the L.A. as usual, from October to May. Applications on the official forms must be sent to the Secretary before October 15th, 1929. Particulars of the A.A.L. Classes will be found on page 165.

The Library Association.—Election of Officers, 1929-30.—

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. L. S. Jast, *J. M. Mitchell, O.B.E., M.C., M.A., *S. A. Pitt. *London Councillors:* Messrs. A. J. K. Esdaile, M.A., F.S.A., L. Newcombe, W. C. Berwick Sayers, W. Benson Thorne, Gurner P. Jones, B.A., E. A. Baker, M.A., D.Litt. *Country Councillors:* Messrs. H. M. Cashmore, R. J. Gordon, W. A. Briscoe, F.R.S.L., J. Minto, M.A., H. D. Roberts, M.B.E., J. W. Singleton, G. A. Stephen, J. Hutt, M.A., C. Nowell, *W. A. Fenton, M.A., *Miss K. E. Pierce, G. T. Shaw, M.A., L. R. McColvin, H. Tapley-Soper, F.S.A., H. Farr.

R. Cooper, G. H. Palmer, A. E. Twentyman, R. B. Wood
(Scrutineers).

University of London, School of Librarianship.—There will be fourteen vacancies for the Session 1929-30 in the 25 Free Places provided under the arrangement with the London County Council, who made a grant for this purpose.

Chief Librarians are invited to draw the attention of suitable members of their staffs to the facilities thus open to workers in libraries in the County of London who wish to improve their qualifications. Some 40 assistants have already availed themselves of this opportunity, and have profited materially by the courses provided. Candidates should have attained such a standard of education as to be able to benefit by the courses; and those who wish to work for the Diploma should at least have matriculated, and possess a good working knowledge of Latin and one modern foreign language.

Forms of application can be obtained from the Secretary, University College, Gower Street, London, W.C.1.

The following awards have been made at University College, London, in the School of Librarianship:

Entrance Exhibition: Gwendoline P. P. Knowles (Maidstone Girls' Grammar School).

Proxime accessit: Free Place—Irene M. Shrigley (St. Paul's Girls' School).

Sir John MacAlister Medal (for the most distinguished of the Diploma candidates of the year): Mary M. E. Hammond.

Director's Prize: Mary M. E. Hammond.

The following have passed the examination for the Diploma in Librarianship: Frances B. Austin, Margaret H. Brown, Mary G. Campbell, Elizabeth K. Creswell, Muriel L. Dick, Lily

*Bye-law B.4: "A tie shall be decided by lot by the President or Chairman presiding at the Annual Meeting."

K. Duff, Agnes K. I. Ellis, Norah H. Evans, Elaine M. Fiebusch, Phyllis M. Giles, Mary E. Gow, Mary M. E. Hammond, Marjorie J. Littleton, J. Packman, Elizabeth J. Parry, K. Povey, Mary Weatherup.

The following have obtained the Full Diploma in Librarianship: Kathleen Barraclough, A. H. Chaplin, Hilda M. Clark, Florence R. E. Davies, Winifred M. Dawson, R. O. Dougan, Phyllis M. Downie, R. S. Enright, Joan M. Gubb, Ena M. Hendry, Elizabeth S. Kenyon, Agnes M. Kirkus, Norma H. Lewis, E. Lorch, Dorothy Outhwaite, Alice Pickles, Marjorie Seville, Hannah Smith, Janet Tomblin, Nancy C. Whitley.

Examinations are always a nuisance to suffering youth, with its (collective) eye on the tennis courts, or on the allurements of the theatre. Admittedly such random, canalised and temporary tests are of doubtful value, yet every assistant with interest in his work and not enough money in his pockets, early makes up his mind to get them off his chest, or his pen, as quickly as possible. Without doubt, no self-respecting person can allow himself to be beaten by a just examiner, and certain it is that a quite moderate amount of work with text books and a much larger amount of practical knowledge will quickly give an assistant his six certificates. A considerable degree of exasperation is engendered between candidates and examiners by the complete inability of many of the former to spell most of the words of more than three syllables in their own tongue. We are told that strange looking creatures like "acommodation," "accomodation," "acomodation," go staggering across the pages of essays on planning a library; and to examiners we can well believe they appear to be the cheeky tongues of urchins, leaping out of the pages with maddening persistence—with the inevitable result. Some cannot even copy words correctly from the question paper; then the blue-pencilling Jehovah really does get annoyed, and his mood is most unacomodating, or should it be unaccommodating? Those who are not quite sure, will they please look it up. The Editor cannot enter into any correspondence on the subject.

ASLIB Conference will be held at Trinity College, Cambridge, September 20th to 23rd. The programme of discussions and lectures is a very full one, and includes papers by Dr. W. Bonser (Birmingham University Librarian), Mr. E. Green (Halifax Public Librarian), Mr. A. F. Ridley, Mr. H. G. T. Cannons, and Mons. P. Otlet. There is a strange absence of women lecturers, which must puzzle American visitors not a little.

A.A.L. Correspondence Course, 1929-1930.—Reference was made in the last number of the Journal to the fact that the A.A.L. would be running a Course of Correspondence Classes again this season. This course will be conducted on similar lines to those of previous years. Most of the same tutors have kindly consented to act again, and there will be twelve fortnightly lessons as in former courses. Copies of the rules governing the classes may be obtained from Miss Exley. The dates of the classes will be as follows :—

October 28—November 11.	February 3—February 17.
November 11—November 25.	February 17—March 3.
November 25—December 9.	March 3—March 17.
December 9—January 6.	March 17—March 31.
January 6—January 20.	March 31—April 14.
January 20—February 3.	April 14—April 28.

Students are requested to note that all applications, whether made through the Divisional Secretaries or direct, must reach Miss Exley, St. Marylebone Public Library, Gloucester Place, London, W.1., by **October 14** at the latest.

THE LIBRARIAN AS CONSULTANT,

By RALPH WRIGHT (Wandsworth Library).

The conception of the librarian as the cicerone of the book world, although not new, has until recently been thrust aside by the more pressing claims of book collection and distribution. Within the last few years, however, the view has been expressed in many quarters that it is time "contact" work was given its due place in the library. But even among the strongest advocates of such work, there seems to be a widespread idea that before it could be carried out, a considerable increase in library staffs would be necessary. It is true that many libraries are hopelessly understaffed, and in all libraries administrative work makes large demands upon the time of the more competent members of the staff, but I venture to assert that in most libraries seniors would have plenty of time for work with the public if the organisation were directed to that end. The organisation of retail shops provides a good example of what is required.

In most shops the book-keeping is done by a girl clerk and checked by the manager. Minor records such as invoices are in pencil. The manager spends nearly all his time in the shop, although his desk may be at the rear. The slightest dispute between a customer and an assistant brings him for-

ward to set the matter right. Commercial libraries seem to do without the constant presence of a supervising manager, but the assistants have little to do beyond charging the books to the borrowers. In bookshops there is usually a manager present.

Comparisons, if not odious, are liable to be misleading, and I do not suggest that we should adopt business standards in every respect. It does seem to me, however, that in regard to the disposition of staff and the allocation of duties we might learn much from them. The administrative work of the library should be carefully distinguished from mere clerical work. Thought should be given to the question of how many of the duties that now keep librarians from the public could be handed over to the younger members of the staff. The supervisor's desk, placed where its occupant can observe all that occurs at the service desk, ought to be universally regarded as indispensable to the lending department. It should be perpetually manned by a competent member of the staff.

The work of the supervisor would be to see that the public is properly served by the counter staff, to link up the individual borrower with the books and library facilities likely to be appreciated by him, and to fill in the time with administrative work. He should interview every new borrower and bring to his notice facilities such as that of bespeaking books. If the borrower is a student, the Central Library for Students and other aids for this class of reader should be mentioned. It is fatal, however, to commit the error of overwhelming the borrower with unsolicited advice. Anyone who has been the victim of an over loquacious librarian will hesitate to approach him again. The main object of the interview is to establish friendly relations with the borrower so that he will feel free to ask for help at any time without fear of having improving books thrust upon him. There is no harm in making the reader's quest of the moment an occasion for brief directions in the use of the catalogue and classification keys, but any attempt to convey a full comprehension of them will only leave him dazed. Any educative purpose that the classification is intended to serve will not be accomplished by talk. The reader is best left to reach an understanding of the underlying theory by studying the plans and guides for himself if he cares to do so. He should be told, however, that it is best to apply to the supervisor whenever he is unable to get what he requires, no matter whether it be a special bibliography, an erudite work or a mere "thriller."

In my opinion the notices directing readers to consult the catalogue should be entirely superseded by the invitation "If you cannot find what you want, the Librarian will be glad to help you." I do not deny that the catalogue enables many readers to obtain information without waiting to make demands upon the librarian's time, but I consider that no layman is able to get full benefit from a library catalogue until he has had a lot of experience or repeated help in the use of it. The reader usually fails to notice cross references and guiding notes, especially in the now popular card and sheaf catalogues. Examples of the impotence of the catalogue and other mechanical aids must be within the experience of every librarian. Why do we keep ourselves in the background while the reader struggles with them? Viewed as professional policy such a course is far from wise. We ought rather to take every opportunity of enabling the public to realise the value of our special knowledge. The catalogue which now makes the reader inefficiently independent of the librarian's personal help should be used by the librarian as a tool with which to supplement the resources of his personality. In this connection the experience of Sir Philip Gibbs is worth mentioning. The famous journalist recently told how when a young man, he used to conduct the "Answers to correspondents" column of a periodical. He found that most of the information asked for could be obtained from general reference books, the very existence of which was unknown to his correspondents, who frequently wrote letters marvelling at his omniscience. Years later he met a man much older than himself, who recalled with a respect amounting to veneration, the supposedly aged professor whose identity Sir Philip had such good reason to know.

Not all who use the lending library are seeking information, but all who consult the catalogue are seeking something. The best way to ensure that they do not depart unsatisfied is to bring them to the supervisor by placing the catalogue near his desk.

And when everything possible has been done to bring the reader and librarian together may it not be objected that all the trouble involved is much ado about nothing? Most of the applications for advice will be requests for help in the choice of novels. Are the senior members of the staff to bring their work into the lending department, where they will be subject to irritating interruptions, merely to realise Wyndham Lewis's ironic suggestion "What to do with our sons—make them

shopwalkers to Edgar Wallace?" I am dragging in this hackneyed "Fiction question" because the claims of general recreative reading are linked with it. The value of "adult education" is of course, inestimable, but I think it cannot be too strongly emphasised that the student and the "serious reader" are not the only, or even the principal classes of persons for whom individual service should be provided. People who study books may be more desirable members of society than those who merely read them (the matter is not entirely beyond dispute), but relaxation in some form is imperative, and with most people the case is one for effortless reading or none at all. Provision for such readers is an important end in itself, and it is to the interest of all concerned that the limited stock of books available in the average British library should be made to go as far as possible in meeting their demands. If the library does not stock many adventure tales, for instance, there is the more reason that all those available should be brought to the notice of the readers who want them. Apart from any question of "ratepayers' rights" the idea of grading readers' claims to special service according to the standard of their reading is similar to that of those teachers who give all their attention to the brighter scholars. It is often said that in a democracy a high average of intelligence is more necessary than brilliant exceptions. Moreover, those who are intolerant of low grade literature in public libraries overlook the fact that it is always a step above the type of books that the readers would buy outside. Incidentally, the cultivated reader will thank the librarian for occasionally bringing to his notice a readable "low brow" book. I suggest that advice be given on all grades of literature.

The methods of the adviser, for it is in this capacity that I shall now speak of him, will vary with the requirements of the individual reader. Work with the purely recreative reader should be quite informal. Not that the adviser should be unsystematic; far from it, but his system should be designed solely to increase his personal efficiency and should not be apparent to the public. Thus the adviser should keep by him, literary histories and bibliographies to assist his memory occasionally, but if he were to hand these to the public when asked for a readable book, readers would soon shun him. Personally, I think that although the help of literary histories and bibliographies is not to be disdained, the most valuable aids are those one makes for one's own use. To be really competent to recommend a book one should at least have sampled its author's style. A knowledge of the

classification of literary critics is not enough. The works of James Grant and of Rafael Sabatini are equally historical romances, but how different! Then of course the works of any one writer vary in the facility with which they may be read. People who would enjoy "Washington Square" might not get beyond the first page of "The Golden Bowl." The reader's previous choice of literature should give the adviser some indication of what he is likely to appreciate, and it is a good plan for the adviser to compile a list of the books known to him, grouped according to their type of appeal. Where a book could go in several groups it should of course, be repeated in each, as in a classified catalogue.

The adviser must supplement his own reading by the use of bibliographies, but it is a mistake to profess personal knowledge of books one has not read. One is very liable to guess wrongly, with the result that the reader ceases to rely upon one's word. A well-read librarian can afford to confess ignorance occasionally. When speaking of a book merely by repute, he should say so.

The satisfaction of the reader should be the first object of the advisory service, but it goes without saying that any librarian worth his salt will also try to improve the quality and widen the range of the reading done. As a first step the adviser should keep note of the many important and readable books that have not so large a public as they deserve—"Erewhon" and "The Town Labourer" may be mentioned as examples—and should introduce them to readers where possible. When books are "in the news" they require very little pushing. It will be remembered that the works of Thomas Hardy used often to be rejected by readers on account of their "heavy" appearance. The brief publicity consequent on his death has sufficed to turn the tide the other way. Such opportunities are obvious enough, but many minor news items have links of interest with books in the library. When a new edition of Ambrose Bierce's "Can such things be?" was published, the chat column of a newspaper stated that by a strange coincidence the author, like one of his characters, disappeared one night and has never since been heard of. The mention of such interesting bits of information when recommending a work whets the reader's appetite and fosters public interest in the affairs of the book world.

(To be continued).

THE LENIN LIBRARY.

By MARGARET DRAKE.

As a young student of librarianship staying in the U.S.S.R. I went to the society for cultural relations with foreign countries and said I wanted to see some libraries. When I said I didn't know a word of Russian they looked doubtful, but said they would see what could be done. They rang up the Lenin library and arranged for me to be met by Comrade Preep, who, they said, spoke English.

The Lenin Library in Moscow, which has replaced the national library in Leningrad, contains, I was told, ten million volumes. I found it difficult to discover from my very courteous guides exactly how the collection had been gathered together, as in Moscow one avoids leading questions. I believe the library consists mainly of large private, or semi-public, collections which were bestowed on the nation by departing aristocrats. The portraits of some of these people were shown me. No doubt many valuable books have been brought to Moscow from the old library at Leningrad. The library is housed in an ancient and enormous white building surrounded by gardens and cobbled courts. Prints of the palace in its pre-revolution days are to be seen inside. A new building is being erected in the modern American style, with the usual domed reading room, for the library is growing with extraordinary rapidity.

As my appointment was for 11 o'clock I arranged to arrive at a quarter to twelve! After being handed from one porter to another I was finally consigned to Comrade Preep, only to discover that he did not know a word of English. For some minutes we gazed at each other in helpless embarrassment and then he fetched a tall, scholarly-looking person who addressed me in French, enquiring, politely, what it was I required. I suddenly saw myself, a very junior person, walking up to the Director of the Reading Room at the British Museum and announcing that I wanted to see the library. I was informed that there were several people on the staff who spoke English, and a handsome youth in an embroidered jumper was eventually produced. He showed me the complicated machinery for dealing with accessions, and then the cataloguing department. I saw the immense author and subject card catalogues, and the charts of the classification, which latter they have evolved for themselves to serve their particular ends. The card catalogue which is in use in the reading

room is arranged in sideless trays with glass covers, a method which struck me as good for the catalogue, but bad for the readers' tempers. In the rather noisy reading room were all the usual types, hardworking women, earnest youths, and hypercritical old men reading newspapers. I was told that it takes about two hours to get a book, as readers hardly ever give the correct description of the book they want.

I was shown through a great many rooms, including the dark and dusty depths where the old periodicals repose, the staff reference room, and the department of incunabula, where I was allowed to handle some of the 15th and 16th century treasures. These were shown to me by the French-speaking gentleman who, to my confusion, I discovered to be the bearer of one of the most famous names in the history of scholarship. I stood there, murmuring "most interesting," and wishing myself anywhere else in the world.

The visit took about two hours. One of the things which interested me most was their method of collecting into one room all the material, MSS., letters, published works, critical works and ana of all kinds, bearing on a particular author. They had their Tolstoy room with his letters in glass cases, carefully classified, their Tchekov and Gorki rooms. No doubt the serious student is saved many expensive journeys, although there may be towns and individuals mourning lost treasures. Another thing which specially interested me was the information department. Here come readers who have only the ghost of a clue to the book they want, and a staff of bibliographical sleuthhounds track it down and present him with the full description. The librarians of the Lenin library have undoubtedly studied the needs and character of their readers.

GIFTS TO THE MIDDLE TEMPLE LIBRARY.

The Middle Temple Library has been most fortunate in securing two gifts of great importance, both within a short period of each other. The late Lord Phillimore's library of foreign and international law was, by his wish, recently presented to the Middle Temple by his son, the present Lord Phillimore. This valuable and most useful collection numbers well over 1,000 volumes and about 200 pamphlets, and the work of sorting and cataloguing is going forward as quickly as possible.

Lord Phillimore was recognised as one of the greatest authorities on both International and Ecclesiastical Law and

was the author of standard works on both subjects. He was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1858, and in 1888 was made a Bencher of that Inn, fulfilling the office of Treasurer (or President of the Bench) in 1907. He was a Doctor of Civil Law and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford. He sat on the Bench of the High Court of Justice as a Judge of the Queen's Bench Division from 1897-1913, and after as a Lord Justice of Appeal from 1913-1916. In 1913 he was made a member of His Majesty's Privy Council and later, in 1918, was raised to the peerage as Baron Phillimore of Shiplake.

The other donation is that by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, which has allocated the sum of \$7,000 (about £1,400) to cover the cost of purchase and presentation to the Middle Temple of a collection of American law books and reports. For many years the Middle Temple has claimed to have the best collection of American law in Europe, and it is anticipated that the donation of the Carnegie Endowment will fill all the remaining gaps in the various State reports. The Library's collection of American law reports now numbers 5,400 volumes, and when the set is completed by this handsome gift the number will be in the region of 7,400 volumes. The work of acquiring the books to be given will be carried out by Mr. F. O. Poole, Librarian of the New York City Bar Association, in conjunction with the Endowment's Director of the Division of Intercourse and Education. It is anticipated that the volumes will not be ready for presentation for some time yet, probably nearly a year, as many of the reports are scarce and difficult to locate.

In the United States Mr. John S. Sheppard, Chairman of the Library Committee of the New York City Bar Association, and Mr. Poole, have been mainly responsible for bringing the matter before the Carnegie Endowment. The happy result marks the completion of three years' untiring effort on the part of Mr. H. A. C. Sturgess, the Librarian and Keeper of the Records of the Middle Temple, to complete the Inn's collection of American Reports.

Mr. Sheppard has suggested that some plan might be worked out whereby access to the Middle Temple Library might be made available to members of the New York City Bar Association and to other American lawyers certified to by that Association, upon such terms and conditions as will fairly protect the Middle Temple Library. No doubt some such arrangement will be made, as in the past no foreign law-

yer, having business in the English Courts, has ever been refused admission or assistance.

ARTHUR R. HEWITT.

Middle Temple, July, 1929.

THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EXAMINATIONS, MAY, 1929.

SECTION I.—ENGLISH LITERARY HISTORY.

141 Candidates sat.

Honours 5, Merits 9, Passes 84.

Honours.

Fuller, R. W. D., Church Stretton.	Stapleton, Miss D., Liverpool.
Lynes, Miss A. G., Coventry.	Wigley, Miss F. E., Manchester.
Reed, E. O., Coventry.	

Merits.

Dean, Miss W., Ilkley.	Langton, K. A., Liverpool.
Etchells, Miss D., Derby.	Maskell, W. E., Maidstone.
Hutt, Miss M., County Library, Kent.	Pritchard, Miss D., Liverpool.
Knowles, Miss G. P. P., County Library, Kent.	Smith, C. G. S., Ipswich.
	White, S., Liverpool.

Passes.

Abbatt, L. C., Bristol.	Eyre, A. R., Doncaster.
Alexander, Miss W. R., Birmingham	Farrar, W., Leeds.
Alston, L., Bolton.	Fordham, Miss C. A., Lincoln.
Bailey, Miss F., Portsmouth.	Graham, Miss J. M., Glasgow.
Bebbington, J., Bolton.	Gray, Miss E. M., Oxford.
Bertie, Miss O. B., Aberystwyth.	Gray, H. G., Stepney.
Bradley, Miss M., Newcastle-on-Tyne.	Green, Miss M. M., Halifax.
Brindle, J., County Library, Lancashire.	Greenhill, Miss B., Brighton.
Bromley, J. F., Guildhall Library.	Griffiths, A. J., Cardiff.
Brown, C., Birmingham.	Harrison, P., Hull.
Cameron, Miss J. C., Glasgow.	Hazell, Miss G. K., Cardiff.
Carter, G. A., Warrington.	Hewitt, R., Manchester.
Chamberlain, W. J., Seven Kings.	Hibbert, H., Bolton.
Cook, Miss W. F. M., Hounslow.	Hockridge, Miss I., Cardiff.
Cooper, Miss E. K., Norwich.	Hodge, Miss E. E., Salford.
Corbett, E. V., Birmingham.	Holmes, Miss H., Sunderland.
Crisford, Miss A., Vauxhall Bridge Road.	Horrocks, S., Manchester.
Davies, Miss E., Liverpool.	Horseman, Miss E. M., Helston, Cornwall.
Deane, Miss A., Liverpool.	Jackson, Miss I. F., County Library, Kent.
Dorcey, Miss M. E., Hackney.	Joyce, A., Sheffield.
Duke, Miss D. M., Cardiff.	Kendrick, Miss H. C., Manchester.
Dunlop, Miss I. G., Glasgow.	Lacy, Miss W. M., Birmingham.
Edwards, C., Sheffield.	Lait, H. J., Bristol.
Ellis, E. H., Cardiff.	Leighton, Miss D., Manchester.
	Long, Miss A. L., Liverpool.

McCall, H., Glasgow.
 Marsh, Miss M., Darlington.
 Martin, J., Edinburgh.
 Mason, E. H., Manchester.
 Miles, Miss W. L., Cardiff.
 Naylor, H., Bolton.
 Patrick, Miss E. W., Glasgow.
 Pearson, Miss E. L., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
 Price, Miss G. M., Newport.
 Purcell, Miss E. O., Cardiff.
 Quipp, Miss D., Lincoln.
 Read, Miss E. M., Birmingham.
 Riches, Miss E. M., Croydon.
 Riches, J. E., Croydon.
 Robertshaw, Miss W. E., Luton.
 Sanders, Miss M., Leeds.
 Shepherd, M., Bolton.
 Shortle, W., Bolton.
 Smith, B. O., County Library, Middlesex.

Southerden, Miss M. G. H., Croydon.
 Stephens, Miss M., Kingston.
 Stuffsins, H. J., County Library, Cheshire.
 Sykes, H., Sheffield.
 Thompson, A., York.
 Thompson, Miss D., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
 Till, Miss E. M., Ipswich.
 Tree, Miss V. E., St. Marylebone.
 Turner, C. H., Woolwich.
 Wainwright, R. H. I., Hackney.
 Walker, Miss E. K. H., Manchester.
 Wheeler, Miss D. M., Birmingham.
 Wilson, J. L., Homerton.
 Wisker, E., Fulham.
 Wragg, Miss E., Manchester.
 Wright, Miss M., Sunderland.

SECTION II. GENERAL BIBLIOGRAPHY AND BOOK SELECTION.

63 Candidates sat.
 Honours —, Merit 1, Passes 32.

Merit.
 Hiles, C. R., Stockport.

Passes.
 Batchelor, R. A., Wallasey.
 Brown, T., Edinburgh.
 Camplin, Miss E., Bethnal Green.
 Carberry, E., Dublin.
 Carr, L. F., Sheffield.
 Corbett, Miss P. T. M., St. Marylebone.
 Dowdy, Miss A. C., Ipswich.
 Fairweather, Miss E., Worksop.
 Farmaner, Miss G. E., Birmingham.
 Fergusson, Miss B. M., Bath.
 Flegg, Miss G. M., Ipswich.
 Goodwin, Miss A. M., Birmingham.
 Hemsley, Miss E. C., Oxford.
 Hill, Miss A. B., Birmingham.
 Jones, Miss C. A., Liverpool.
 Kerr, Miss H. N. H., Glasgow.
 Luke, Miss A. B., Kirkcaldy.
 Marsh, Miss M., Darlington.
 Mercer, Miss L., Birmingham.
 Middleton, Miss K., Westminster.
 Nevard, Miss B. F., Brixton.
 Price, Miss N. M., Birmingham.
 Pugh, Miss W., Liverpool.
 Pugsley, W. C., Kingston.
 Smith, E. A., Croydon.
 Snaith, S., Islington.
 Stevenson, W. B., Wallasey.
 Thomas, Miss M. I., Bootle.
 Thompson, C. H., Birmingham.
 Tompkins, H. C., Hornsey.
 Walford, A. J., Stoke Newington.
 Wood, Miss N., Lowestoft.

GENERAL BIBLIOGRAPHY AND PALÆOGRAPHY AND THE ARCHIVE SCIENCES.

3 Candidates sat.
 Honours —, Merits —, Passes 2.
 Madden, Miss C. de la C., Stockport. Thorold, Miss D. M., Ipswich.

SECTION III.—CLASSIFICATION.

144 Candidates sat.

Honours 1, Merits —, Passes 73.

Honours.

Rock, C. H., Tottenham Museum.

Passes.

Ashworth, T., Bolton.	Knowles, Miss E., Glasgow.
Asman, Miss W., Birmingham.	Leath, C., Bolton.
Ballantyne, Miss J., Liverpool.	Lloyd, Miss E. M., Manchester.
Berry, G., Accrington.	Long, L. E., Trowbridge.
Black, C. W., Manchester.	Lord, N. C., Bolton.
Borland, E. A., Johannesburg.	Lounds, Miss M. N. E., Grantham.
Bowman, W., Sunderland.	Luke, E. R., Aberystwyth.
Bussey, F. T., Hackney.	Lythgoe, Miss F. M., Liverpool.
Clark, G. H., Bethnal Green.	Manchanda, R., Lahore.
Coates, Miss B., Leeds.	Manson, Miss E. S., Johannesburg.
Cockburn, J. W., Edinburgh.	Marmoy, C. F. A., University College, London.
Cohen, Miss M. F., West Ham.	Marston, Miss E. M., Birmingham.
Cole, Miss M. A., Fulham.	Maskell, W. E., Maidstone.
Corbett, Miss P. T. M., St. Mary-lebone.	Mundy, Miss C. M. L., Bath.
Cox, C., Leicester.	Newman, Miss E. L., Plumstead.
Cross, Miss M. D. V., Westminster.	Otter, H. B., Battersea.
Dalgarno, Miss H. R., Aberdeen.	Ovell, Miss D. I., Bethnal Green.
Davies, Miss W., Liverpool.	Oxbury, Miss D. G., Norwich.
Drury, Miss D. G., Sheffield.	Pierce, M., County Library, Sussex.
Edwards, Miss C., Leek.	Rae, Miss M., Aberdeen.
Eglinton, Miss A. N., Glasgow.	Rebentisch, F. F., Tottenham.
French, Miss I. W., Glasgow.	Richardson, Miss E. A., Cheltenham.
Gaskin, G. F., Bolton.	Rouse, R. W., St. Pancras.
Gayford, Miss K. M., Norwich.	Rowland, Miss J. F., Johannesburg.
Gravell, F. W., Patent Office Library.	Shaw, Miss B., County Library, West Riding.
Haines, P. E., Watford.	Shaw, Miss M. A., Preston.
Harries, E. R., County Library, Flintshire.	Shipton, Miss S. A., Richmond.
Hayes, Miss H. E., Glasgow.	Shorthouse, Miss I. M., Birmingham.
Hawes, S. A., Norwich.	Talmey, Miss E. M., Hove.
Horsfall, L. W., Manchester.	Thurlow, Miss O. H., County Library, Durham.
Hutton, Miss I. M., Times Book Club.	Twaites, H. C., Lambeth.
Irving, E. B., Wallasey.	Vickery, F. J., Croydon.
Jack, G., Glasgow.	Ward, E. A., Leigh.
Jenkins, Miss M., Widnes.	Warren, D. F., County Library, Northampton.
Keightley, L. J. A., Croydon.	Wilson, H., Burnley.
King, J. A., Royal Statistical Society.	Wood, Miss A., Burnley.
	Woolcock, Miss H., Gillingham.

SECTION IV.—CATALOGUING.

144 Candidates sat.

Honours —, Merits —, Passes 81.

Passes.

Barr, Miss A. G., Glasgow.	Batty, E. A., Greenwich.
Barratt, Miss P. M., County Library, Derby.	Begg, Miss E., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

- Bennett, B., Bournemouth.
 Bissett, Miss M. W., Manchester.
 Borland, E. A., Johannesburg.
 Borthwick, Miss H., Glasgow.
 Bowley, Miss V. E., Hounslow.
 Brewer, Miss M., Bradford.
 Brown, J. G., Bradford.
 Campbell, Miss O. P., Glasgow.
 Caul, R. J. M., Aberystwyth.
 Clegg, Miss M. E. C., Birmingham.
 Collett, W. J., Newport.
 Cooper, Miss A., Norwich.
 Dearden, A., Nelson.
 Dickinson, Miss R. E., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
 Drake, Miss E. M., London, E.2.
 Dunn, Miss P. I., Birmingham.
 Fellows, H. A., Tottenham.
 Ferguson, Miss F. W., Glasgow.
 Fleet, Miss C. A., Portsmouth.
 Fraser, J., Glasgow.
 Gatenby, Miss J. L., Sunderland.
 Gough, Miss E. M., Bolton.
 Gravell, F. W., Patent Office Library.
 Green, Miss I. A., Liverpool.
 Hacquoil, Miss E. M., Leyton.
 Halbert, Miss J. F., Glasgow.
 Hampton, Miss M., Cheltenham.
 Hampton, S. A. J., Bermondsey.
 Harding, Miss D., Tunbridge Wells.
 Hardman, Miss B., Rochdale.
 Haugh, W. S., Liverpool.
 Henderson, Miss A. A., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
 Howe, Miss K., Glasgow.
 Hughes, Miss K., Hove.
 Illingworth, Miss E., Manchester.
 Kennedy, Miss E. M., Birkenhead.
 Kennedy, Miss I. E. M., Seven Kings.
 Kerr, Miss E. M., Glasgow.
 Leach, Miss A. N., County Library, Derby.
 Lee, Miss B. I., Bolton.
 Lees, Miss J. B., Kilmarnock.
 Luke, E. R., Aberystwyth.
 McAskie, J., Glasgow.
 Macdonald, Miss A. N., Glasgow.
 Macdonald, J. H., Bradford.
 Mackie, Miss E., Glasgow.
 Mackinnon, Miss E. M., Glasgow.
 Mason, Miss E. L. E., Cheltenham.
 Mildon, Miss E. L. S., Bristol.
 Miller, D. Y., Wallasey.
 Millward, Miss M. I., Westminster.
 Muris, R., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
 Newland, G. A., Limehouse.
 O'Mahoney, J. F., Dublin.
 Owen, Miss M. W., Aberystwyth.
 Parry, Miss E. J., Cheltenham.
 Payne, Miss E., Portsmouth.
 Pearce, T. D., St. Helens.
 Richardson, Miss E. A., Cheltenham.
 Roberts, Miss G., Aberystwyth.
 Shaw, Miss M. P., Glasgow.
 Sheffield, Miss M. C., Birmingham.
 Smith, R. E. G., Reading.
 Stevenson, H. G., Tottenham.
 Stokes, Miss E., Coventry.
 Sutherland, Miss T. E. L., Glasgow.
 Taylor, Miss M. S., Coventry.
 Taylor, Miss U. L., Manchester.
 Thomson, Miss E. I., Glasgow.
 Turner, Miss L. M., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
 Ure, Miss I. M. M., Glasgow.
 Warton, J. J., Kensington.
 Warwick, Miss E., Liverpool.
 Waterhouse, Miss E. A., Bradford.
 Weaver, Miss R. M. B., Liverpool.
 Whiteley, H. E., Grimsby.
 Williams, E. S., County Library, Durham.

SECTION V.—LIBRARY ORGANISATION.

81 Candidates sat.

Honours —, Merits —, Passes 41.

Passes.

- Armstrong, Miss K. A., Colchester.
 Atkinson, F., Warrington.
 Baines, Miss E. J., Leamington Spa.
 Borer, H. W., East Ham.
 Broughton, Miss E., Chiswick.
 Callan, Miss M. S., Glasgow.
 Carruthers, T. S., Edinburgh.
 Chorlton, Miss J. M., Manchester.
 Cook, W., Stepney.
 Cooks, Miss K. M., Birmingham.
 Davies, J. H., Birmingham.
 Duff, Miss M. E., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
 Fellows, H. A., Tottenham.
 Gemmell, Miss M. L., Glasgow.
 Govier, Miss D. N., Birmingham.
 Hill, Miss G. A., Bath.

Hill, Miss J., Ipswich.	Reynolds, J. D., Leeds.
Hobbs, E. J. H., Tunbridge Wells.	Roscoe, Miss C. E., Coventry.
Howell, W. A., Poplar.	Sayers, Miss P., Sheffield.
Johnson, Miss D. M., Birmingham.	Sherwood, J., Huddersfield.
King, Miss C. M., Malvern.	Smith, B. O., County Library,
McGill, Miss H. M., Manchester.	Middlesex.
McMullen, Miss I. E. H., Plumstead.	Snaith, Miss M., Carlisle.
Norman, R. J., Cardiff.	Spinks, W. H., Bow.
Paterson, H., Birmingham.	Stone, Miss R. T., Hampstead.
Paton, W. B., Glasgow.	Stonebridge, A. J. D., St. Marylebone.
Pollard, Miss V. M., Bath.	Tuffin, C. A., Bermondsey.
Pratt, Miss A. McG., Glasgow.	Watkins, A. H., Teddington.
Pummell, M. T., Fulham.	White, L., Sheffield.

SECTION VI.—LIBRARY ROUTINE.

167 Candidates sat.

Honours —, Merits —, Passes 71.

Passes.

Ardagh, P., St. Andrew's.	Jones, Miss I., Ossett, Yorks.
Barratt, Miss P. M., County Lib-	Law, R. W., Watford.
rary, Derby.	McBride, G., Liverpool.
Bertie, Miss O. B., Aberystwyth.	McDonald, F., Cardiff.
Bilton, H. A., Hull.	Marchant, S., Birkenhead.
Black, C. W., Manchester.	Massey, Miss D. G., Camberwell.
Bourne, Miss D. K., Manchester.	Micklewright, G. R., Chesterfield.
Bowler, R. W., Kidderminster.	Morris, Miss M. D., Southend.
Bowman, W., Sunderland.	Myson, W., Wimbledon.
Boyd, Miss W. V., Ilford.	Newman, J. J., Liverpool.
Bromley, Miss D. M. H., Poole.	Nolan, J. J., Liverpool.
Bromwell, Miss G. N., Birmingham.	Oakes, Miss M. A. Y., Leeds.
Broomhead, E., Middlesborough.	Park, Miss A., Bury.
Brown, Miss A. W., Newcastle-	Parker, S. A., Hornsey.
upon-Tyne.	Pearson, F. L., Leeds.
Burroughs, Miss D. I. M., Southend.	Ratcliffe, Miss D. E., Nottingham.
Carter, Miss K., Seven Kings.	Rennard, Miss D. M., Leeds.
Clare, P., Bermondsey.	Reynders, Miss C. M., Johannes-
Corry, Miss M. A., Reading.	burg.
Davis, Miss D. M., Southend.	Robins, Miss E., Bournemouth.
Dearmer, F. J., Hornsey.	Robinson, S., Sowerby Bridge.
Dunbar, Miss A. N., Edinburgh.	Rowland, Miss J. F., Johannesburg.
Egarr, J., Bradford.	Rundle, Miss A. M., Plymouth.
Ellam, Miss G. M., Leeds.	Rutter, Miss C., Warrington.
French, Miss M. E., Barking.	Sharpe, Miss D. C., Croydon.
Freshwater, Miss F., Birmingham.	Smith, F. W., Portsmouth.
Fry, J., Bath.	Smith, Miss I., Islington.
Gray, Miss M. E., Birkenhead.	Stazicker, Miss J. E., Preston.
Hampton, Miss M., Cheltenham.	Stone, Miss R. T., Hampstead.
Hardman, A. R., Liverpool.	Tait, Miss C., Glasgow.
Harling, W., Blackburn.	Taylor, H., Bolton.
Haywood, Miss E., Sheffield.	Toone, Miss N. W., Leamington Spa.
Healing, Miss W. J., Hove.	Trotter, Miss N., Newcastle-upon-
Hepburn, A. G., Glasgow.	Tyne.
Hiles, Miss M. L., Newport.	Williams, Miss M. J., County Lib-
Horrocks, S. H., Bolton.	rary, Monmouth.
Housby, J. J., Penrith.	Wilson, Miss I. A., Birmingham.
Johnson, Miss A., Darlington.	Wood, A. G., Bolton.

THE DIVISIONS.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The Second Annual Meeting was held under ideal weather conditions, at Hastings, on Wednesday, July 10th, 1929, Mr. Ruskin Butterfield, Chief Librarian, Hastings, arranging a most enjoyable afternoon's programme.

Leaving the Brassey Institute by char-a-banc, the party (including members from Brighton, Chichester, Eastbourne, Hastings, and Worthing) first visited Winchelsea, one of the "Ancient Towns" associated with the Cinque Ports, and now a charming old-world village. Rye, a decayed but highly picturesque port was very much admired; here a visit was paid to the quaint old Mermaid Street, where stands a Tudor House, still at the service of travellers, and to the Church. Tea, also by kind invitation of Mr. Ruskin Butterfield, was partaken of at the Peacock Tea Rooms in Rye. The return journey was made inland, the route passing through Broad Oak, Brede, Westfield to Hastings, a most delightful drive.

The Business Meeting was held in the dance hall of the new Pavilion, and was presided over, in the unavoidable absence of the President, Miss Gerard, by Mr. E. Male, Brighton.

The Hon. Secretary (Miss G. Dean) having read the Report, which is appended, the Chairman moved that it be adopted. This was agreed to unanimously.

The appointment of officers and committee for the ensuing year was then announced. *President*: Mr. A. Webb, Brighton; *Hon. Secretary*: Miss G. Dean, Worthing; *Committee*: one member for each library in the area—Brighton: Mr. E. Male; Eastbourne: Miss E. Smith; Hastings: Miss E. Clarke; Hove: Miss E. M. Talmey; Lewes: Mr. H. Wilson; Worthing: Miss E. Gerard.

Owing to pressure of work in other directions, Mr. Hamblyn resigned the office of Treasurer, which he has held for six years. Nominations for this office are to be asked for.

Mr. A. Webb, the new President, who received a cordial reception, then gave a short but most interesting address. Miss Gay proposed and Miss Simpson seconded, a vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

In conclusion, Mr. Ruskin Butterfield was heartily thanked for his generous hospitality.

It was decided that the usual autumn meeting should be again merged into the Inaugural one of the Winter Session, to be held in London in October.

Report presented at the Second Annual Meeting of the South-Eastern Division, held at Hastings on Wednesday, July 10th, 1929.

The Committee has pleasure in reporting another year of successful work.

Membership.—The present membership numbers 36, of which 1 is a Fellow, 31 are Members, and 4 are Associates. During the year 2 Members have been enrolled, and 3 have resigned.

Meetings.—The Annual Meeting was held on July 11th, 1928, at Ditchling, when Mr. Lister, Chief Librarian, Hove, arranged a most delightful afternoon's programme. In place of the usual Autumn Meeting, members attended the Inaugural Meeting held in London on October 17th. The Winter Meeting took place in Brighton on February 6th, when Mr. Webb, President of the A.A.L., gave a most interesting paper on the "Bloomfield Collection." In this connection, Mr. Webb arranged

an exhibition of over 100 specimens of manuscripts, rare bindings, etc., which was much appreciated by those present. The Spring Meeting was held in Worthing; a paper outlining the development of the British Drama during the present century, was read by Miss E. Gerard, Worthing. This was followed by five shorter papers, each dealing with the works of an outstanding dramatist of the period. The paper on John Galsworthy was contributed by Mr. E. Male, Brighton; on Sean O'Casey by Miss G. Dean, Worthing; on Eden Phillpotts by Miss F. Talmey, Hove; on John Drinkwater by Miss Gray, Hastings; and on Noel Coward by Miss W. Fox, Worthing. In connection with these meetings there have been various social features, which have added greatly to their enjoyment.

Officers.—At the last Annual Meeting, Miss Gerard was re-elected to the office of President, and Miss G. Dean and Mr. A. Hamblyn to those of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively. Miss E. Young was elected Hon. Auditor. The Committee, consisting of one member from each library in the area, were elected as follows: Miss E. Clarke (Hastings), Miss W. Fox (Worthing), Miss K. Hartnup (Eastbourne), Mr. E. Male (Brighton), Miss F. Talmey (Hove), Mr. Wilson (Lewes). Owing to pressure of work Mr. Hamblyn has now been compelled to resign the office of Hon. Treasurer of the Division. The Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Hamblyn during the last six years in the capacity of Hon. Treasurer.

Finances.—The finances of the Division are in a satisfactory condition, as shown by the appended statement of receipts and expenditure. The Hon. Treasurer reports a balance in hand of £7 15s. 3d.

Miss Gerard has been re-elected as the Divisional Representative, and Mr. Webb as a non-London representative to serve on the General Council of the Association of Assistant Librarians.

The Hon. Secretary was appointed as official representative to attend the Annual Meeting at Bristol, but owing to indisposition was unable to be present. Miss W. Fox was sent in her stead. Mr. E. Male was sent as an official delegate by the Brighton Library Committee.

In conclusion, the Committee desire once more to place on record their appreciation of the practical support shown the Association by the Library Authorities, who have so kindly provided facilities for the holding of their meetings, and also to express their grateful thanks to Miss Marian Frost, F.L.A., and Mr. J. W. Lister, for kind hospitality.

(Signed) ERNEST MALE, Chairman.

GRACE L. DEAN, Hon. Secretary.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1928-29.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance in hand, 30.6.28	10	1 11½	Subscriptions (quotas)		
Subscriptions for 1928-29	12	11 0	sent to Headquarters	8	0 9
Bank Interest, 1928	...	0 3 1	Travelling expenses	...	3 12 11
			Postage and Petty Cash		
			Expenses of Hon. Sec.		
			and Hon. Treas.	...	3 7 1½
			Balance in hand, 30.6.29	7	15 3
	£22	16 0½		£22	16 0½

Examined and found correct.

NORTH-EAST DIVISION.

On Wednesday, July 24th, a meeting of the Division was held at Armstrong College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, when the President of the American Library Association, Professor A. Keogh, M.A., D.Litt., Yale Librarian, was the honoured guest.

Members and friends were received in the Library by Dr. J. Wight Duff, Curator of the Library, and Dr. F. Bradshaw, Librarian.

Through the kindness of the Principal, Sir Theodore Morison, M.A., D.C.L., and the Council, tea was provided in the University Union, the Vice-Principal, Professor J. Wight Duff, M.A., D.Litt., LL.D., presiding.

In the name of the Division, Mr. I. Briggs, Chairman, extended a very cordial welcome, saying that the members felt very proud of the honour which Professor Keogh had conferred upon them by his presence. So far as he was aware, it was the first time any President of the American Library Association had addressed the Association of Assistant Librarians, and it was the very good fortune of the North-East Division to be singled out for that enviable position. Mr. Briggs was quite sure that the Association as a whole would wish him to express their thanks, because whilst Professor Keogh was honouring the Division in particular, he was also honouring the Association in general. He also paid a tribute to Professor Keogh's attainments and international reputation, and made special reference to his personality, and the great influence it had had throughout his career upon all who came into touch with him.

In his reply Professor Keogh said it was a pleasure to be amongst some of his old colleagues, he himself being one of Newcastle's sons and a former Sub-Librarian of the Newcastle Public Libraries. In a racy and reminiscent speech he thanked the members for their very kind welcome, and the pleasant things that had been said on their behalf by Mr. Briggs.

The meeting, which was held in the College Library, was of an informal nature, presided over and addressed by Professor Keogh. His talk was divided into three parts, the first, a recital of his experiences at the recent International Conference on Bibliography at Rome; the second, on the training of librarians in America; and lastly, on college libraries in America, with particular reference to Yale. The attractive manner of his delivery entranced his audience. Much was learned about America's library schools; the different methods in different States; the standards required by the various kind of libraries; the growing recognition of the necessity for specialists in all libraries of any size; ways of entry into the work; and many similar things.

Questions were invited at the close, and a number were asked, and answered in Professor Keogh's inimitable manner.

The appreciation of the meeting was expressed very heartily at the conclusion.

A vote of thanks to the College authorities, and to Dr. Bradshaw, the Librarian, brought an educative and successful evening to a close—one to be remembered by those present for years to come.

MIDLAND DIVISION.

The Annual Summer Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 17th. Members from Birmingham travelled by train to Arley and Fillangley,

and on arrival walked by fields and lanes to Mrs. Keatley's, Church House, where tea was provided. Here several members from Coventry joined them, and over thirty people sat down to tea. After tea and ices (one hesitates to mention the number of ices consumed) a special general meeting of the Division was held, in order that one of the rules of the Division might be altered. Needless to say the business was quite informal and only occupied a few minutes.

The meeting then broke up, and after taking leave of the members from Coventry, the larger party proceeded by another route through lanes to the station, where they caught the train to Birmingham.

Altogether the meeting was very enjoyable—good weather, an excellent tea, and interesting company.

J. H. P.

The Annual Meeting of the Midland Division will be held at the Reference Library, Birmingham, on Wednesday, 18th September, at 6.30 p.m. At the conclusion of the business meeting Mr. T. Kemp will read a paper on "Life and Literature."

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

Thursday, 19th September, is the date of the next meeting, which will be held at Southampton.

Mr. F. W. Smith (Portsmouth) will read a paper entitled "William Cobbett, and his associations with Hampshire."

POEMS FROM A PRIVATE ANTHOLOGY.

VII.

OF BEAUTY.

Let us use it while we may;
Snatch these joys that haste away.
Earth her winter coat may cast
And renew her beauty past:
But, our winter come, in vain
We solicit spring again:
And when our furrows snow shall cover
Love may return, but never lover."

SIR RICHARD FANSHAWE (1608-1666).

To a Lady of Tory principles, appearing at the Theatre Royal, Dublin, with an orange lily in her breast, on King William's Birth-night.

Thou little Tory, why the jest
Of wearing Orange in thy breast;
When that same breast betraying shews
The whiteness of the rebel rose.

JOHN ST. LEDGER (18th Century).

SHORT NOTICES.

Reports, Bulletins, Magazines, &c.

Birmingham : Sixty-seventh Annual Report, 1929.

Stock : 645,987; 16,000 lantern slides, and 90,000 sheets of a picture collection; Issues : 3,177,644; Borrowers : increase of 2,750 (total number of tickets in force, 204,458). The Union Catalogue of the Lending Libraries is now complete. A motor exchange service, by which the non-fiction stock of all the lending libraries is made available for all borrowers, is now in operation. The issue of books in the foreign sections of the libraries has increased from 1,894 volumes in 1922 to 6,626 in 1928. 877 photographic prints were made by means of the Photostat. 22,184 prints have been borrowed from the libraries, this being more than four times the number borrowed in 1926.

Bulletin of the British Library of Political and Economic Science.

The special bibliography is on the Monroe Doctrine, and covers the years 1919-1929, i.e., since the publication of the Library of Congress Bibliography, 1919.

Reading in Croydon, 1928-1929.

This report has received more publicity in the general press than any other similar publication. The record of activity is certainly outstanding, and fully justifies the praise showered upon it in the *Times* and *Telegraph*.

Stock : 151,902; Prints and slides : 58,571; Readers' Tickets : 77,672; Issues : 1,515,647; Lectures and Meetings held in the Libraries : 388; attendance at Lectures, etc., 35,767. The issues per person are 7, as compared with 4.5 in 1923-4.

Library Review, Autumn, 1929. (Annual Subscription, 8/- Coatbridge, Scotland).

Contents.—Conversation in Valetta, by Wm. McFee; Libraries in business centres, by J. C. Dana; The Library and the School Child, by Robert Lillie; The Murray tradition, by Lord Gorell; the Value of Reference Books, by John Minto, etc.

A glance at the above list of contents, showing as it does a well-proportioned mixture of library-literary contributions should be sufficient to compel those who are still unacquainted with this excellent magazine to order a year's supply immediately.

Dorset County Library Catalogue—History, Biography, and Travel.

A good piece of work. The selection, all things considered, is surprisingly full. One or two good volumes in *Everyman's Series* are

missing: Holmes' *Life of Mozart* (an excellent book); Berlioz' *Autobiography* (an absorbing book); Davies' *Super Lamp* does not appear, although *Later Days* does. The cataloguing must of necessity have been attended to under great difficulties, and having regard to the arduous life a County Librarian leads, must rightly be considered a labour of love—unless Mr. Elliott receives at least £1,000 a year.

Bolton Public Libraries. Catalogue of Books on Fine Arts.
Revised edition. (Price 6d.; postage 6d. extra).

This catalogue, which extends, with its author and subject indexes, to over 400 pages, is a notable achievement. It is excellently printed, and the cataloguing has been very carefully done. When we have hidden its ugly cover we shall have concealed its only bad feature. Of very few catalogues of Class 700 could we say, as we do of this one, that it is completely satisfying from a book selector's point of view. We can find no notable or unreasonable omissions, and those who read these reviews from month to month will know that this cannot be for want of looking for them. The catalogue will make an admirable desk book.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

*HOPE, CECIL, Branch Librarian, Leeds, to be Deputy Librarian, Wallasey. Salary, £315—£15—£375 per annum. Certificates held for Sections 2 to 6 of the L.A., and Terminal Certificates in Latin, French, Bibliography and Routine of the School of Librarianship. (Also selected: Messrs. A. C. Fairhurst, Bolton; C. M. Jackson, Birmingham; H. Sargeant, Coventry; and H. B. Williams, Manchester).

*LYNN, ROBERT WM., Deputy Librarian, Wallasey, to be Chief Librarian and Curator, Bootle. Salary, £400—£25—£500 per annum. Six L.A. Certificates held. (Also selected: Messrs. F. Barlow, Croydon; A. I. Haworth, Wigan; W. Hynes, Willesden; E. A. F. Keen, Stafford; B. Robinson, Bootle).

PARRY, G. H., Deputy City Librarian, Liverpool, to be City Librarian. Fellow of the Library Association. Salary, £900 per annum.

*POLLARD, Miss VERA M., Senior Assistant, Bath, to be Cataloguer, Southport. Five L.A. Certificates. Salary, £250 per annum. (Also selected: Messrs. A. C. Fairhurst, Bolton; F. Croinshaw, Sheffield; A. Smith, Bolton; L. W. A. Andrews, Bristol).

SEYNIOR, J. FREDERICK, Senior Assistant, Croydon, to be Librarian-in-Charge of the Ashburton Branch, Croydon. Salary, £300 per annum. One L.A. Certificate.

*O'LEARY, J. G., Chief Assistant, Bethnal Green, to be Chief Librarian, Dagenham. Salary, £300—£10—£400 per annum. Six Certificates of the L.A., Thesis accepted for Diploma with Honours.

THOMPSON, Miss E. M., Assistant Librarian, Sunderland, to be Borough Librarian, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire.

*Those marked with an asterisk are Members of the A.A.L.

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SESSION 1929-30.

Honorary Visitor: SIR FREDERIC GEORGE KENYON, G.B.E., K.C.B., M.S., D.Litt.

Director: E. A. BAKER, M.A., D.Lit.

THE School of Librarianship, which was founded in 1919, has recently been provided with extended accommodation in the Henry Morley building at University College. This accommodation includes a Library and Seminar Room.

The School provides courses for full-time and for part-time students (both day and evening) in preparation for the University Diploma in Librarianship and for the Certificates qualifying for the Diploma of the Library Association.

Instruction is given in English Composition, Bibliography, Cataloguing and Indexing, Classification, Library Organisation, Library Routine, Literary History and Book Selection, Palæography and Archives.

Public and Special Lectures on the history of the Library movement, Library buildings, book-binding, book selection, book illustration, County Library systems and Library work with children are also given.

The Session begins on Monday, 7th October.

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